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Title:	LIGHTED DISSECTOR AND METHOD FOR USE		

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment for the above-identified application. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.